

SAS4305 Chemical Technology for Chemical Industry

Chapter 9 Liquid Chromatographic Techniques (液相色譜技術)

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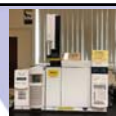


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Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of Chapter 9, you are able to

- Explain the working principles of high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC);
- Explain the instrumentation of HPLC;
- Select and justify correct choice of stationary, mobile phases and detectors;
- Realize qualitative and quantitative analysis of HPLC.

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9.1 Working Principles of HPLC

- A technique for the separation of:
 - **thermally unstable** 熱力不穩定 and
 - **non-volatile** 非揮發性 **samples** (usually polar compounds).
- **Liquid samples** are injected into the liquid chromatography, the samples are then pass through the column 柱子 for separation 分離 **under high pressure** 高壓力
- Mobile phase (organic / inorganic solvent) **carries liquid samples** (analyte + matrix) **passes through column**.
- **Retention** 保留 **of analyte** (or matrix) by column **stationary phase**.
- **Elution** of analyte / matrix followed by **signal detection**.

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9.1 Working Principles of HPLC

- Solute **distributes** (interacts) between mobile phase and stationary phase **based on** different **polarities** 極性 and relative **solubilities** 溶解度.

Compounds

Mobile Phase ↔ Stationary Phase



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9.1.1 Normal Phase HPLC

- Using **polar stationary phase** (e.g. silica) & **non-polar mobile phase** (e.g. hexane)
- NOT** generally chosen **for polar analytes** due to their high affinity for stationary phase, resulting in very **long retention times**.
- Then, the **NON-polar compound comes out first**.

Mobile phase and column in Normal Phase HPLC
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Non polar → Polar

Cyano

Amino

Diol

Alkyl

Phenyl

Cyano

Silica

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9.1.2 Reserve Phase HPLC

- Using **non-polar stationary phase** (e.g. C18) & **polar mobile phase** (e.g. methanol, ACN, water).
- Applied to separation of **polar / semi-polar analytes**.
- A **hydrophobic molecule** (疏水分子) (alkane C18) is **chemically bonded** on to the silica surface.
- Then, the **MOST polar compound comes out first**.

Mobile phase and column in Reserve Phase HPLC
<https://goo.gl/images/sF7TM8>

Silica

Si-OH + Cl-Si(R)₂-R'

Chemically bonding

Si-O-Si(R)₂-R' + HCl

When R' = C₆, C₈, C₁₈ → **Non polar**
(Reversed-phase chromatography)

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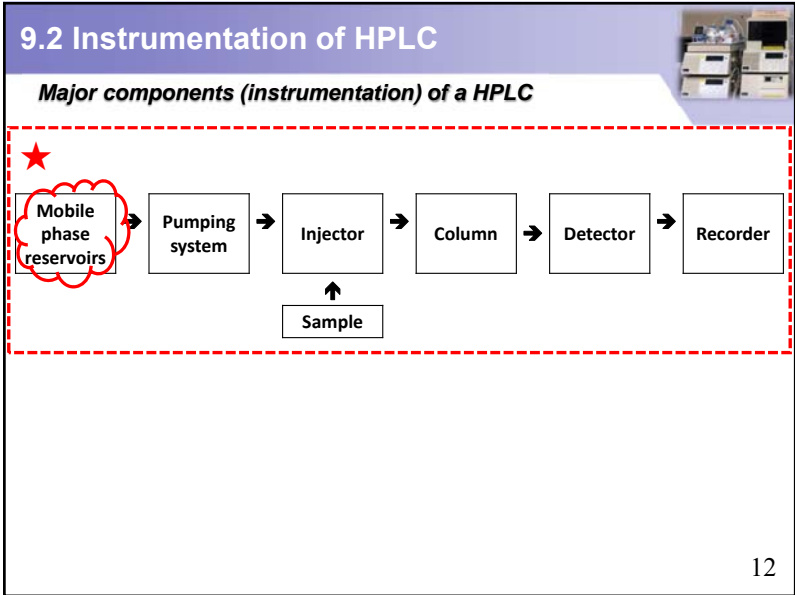
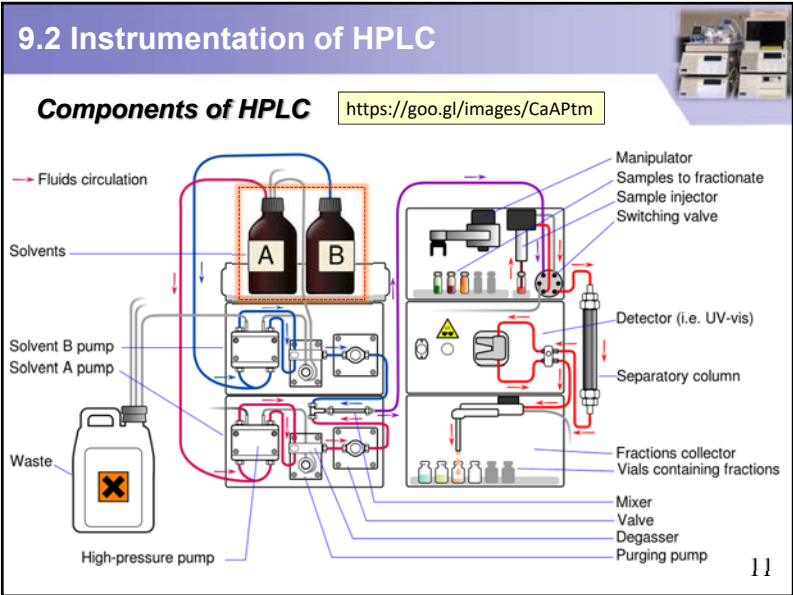
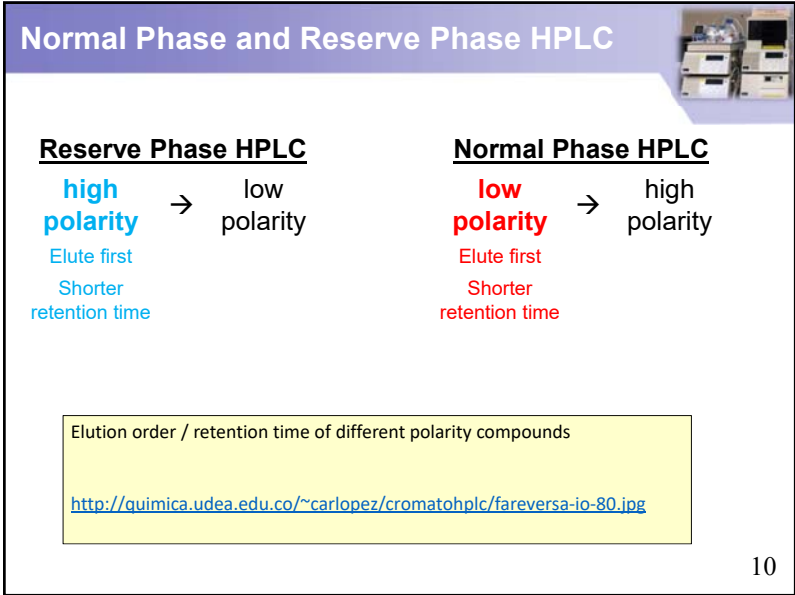
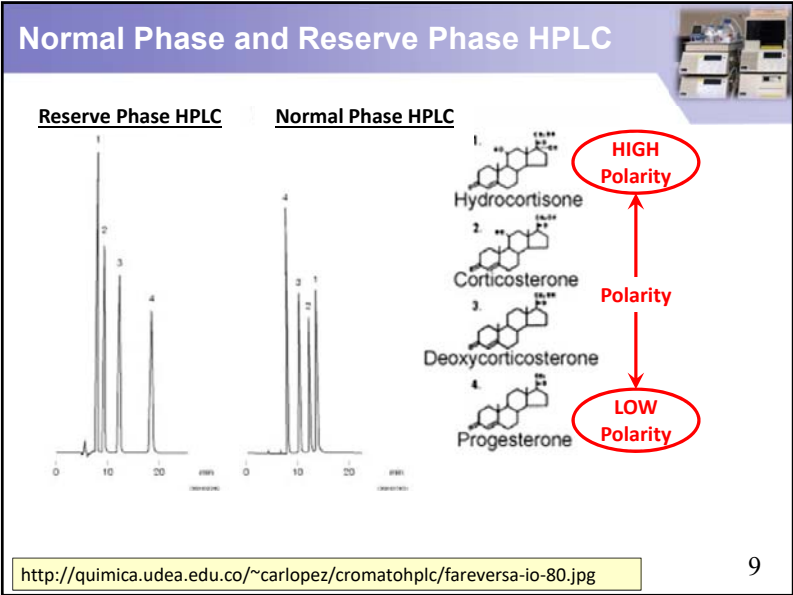
Normal Phase and Reserve Phase HPLC

★ Classwork

Compare the Normal phase and Reserve phase HPLC.

	Normal phase HPLC	Reserve phase HPLC
Stationary phase		
Example:		
Mobile phase		
Example:		
Elution order		
Analytes		

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9.2.1 Mobile phase reservoirs

- Dissolved gases / dust must be removed from mobile phase:

TWO methods to move dissolved gases / dust:

- De-gassing** (by ultrasonic 超聲波 bath);
- Filtering** (by filter).



Solvent reservoir



Ultrasonic bath



Filtration setup

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9.2.1 Mobile phase reservoirs

Isocratic elution (平等沖提):

- Using single 單一 solvent / solvent mixture,
- keeping composition 成分 of mobile phase constant 不變

- Polarity 極性 of solvent does **NOT change** during separation.

<https://goo.gl/images/TgVpAQ>

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9.2.1 Mobile phase reservoirs

Gradient elution (坡度沖提):

- Using solvent mixture,
- composition 成分 of mobile phase varies 改變 during elution.
- Polarity 極性 of solvent **changes** during separation.
- Gradient elution can improve separation efficiency.

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9.2.1 Mobile phase reservoirs

Mobile phase (isocratic and gradient)

<u>Isocratic mobile phase</u> 平等沖提	<u>Gradient mobile phase</u> 坡度沖提																							
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9.2.1 Mobile phase reservoirs

Reference ONLY!!

Mobile phase (isocratic and gradient)

LC/MS/MS Analysis of mycotoxins extracted from spiked corn using 3 different gradient elution times

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9.2.1 Mobile phase reservoirs

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Mobile phase (isocratic and gradient)

Recovery for 31 Mycotoxins from spiked corn using 3 different LC/MS/MS gradient analysis conditions

mycotoxins	3 min gradient	12 min gradient	28 min gradient	mycotoxins	3 min gradient	12 min gradient	28 min gradient
Aflatoxin B1	94.4	93.3	92.1	nivalenol (NIV) (ESI)	93.9	93.1	97.3
Aflatoxin B2	43.9	86.1	95.5	nooelanol (NEO)	37.0	74.3	94.3
Aflatoxin G1	41.9	79.5	86.3	T-2 toxin	19.2	74.4	71.4
Aflatoxin G2	48.9	77.6	106.6	T-2 tetraol (ESI)	77.4	94.7	94.6
Aflatoxin M1	49.1	77.0	100.0	deoxynivalenol	9.9	71.6	70.0
zearalenone	112.2	94.7	99.4	fumonisin B1	140.0	110.7	91.9
pachulin	2.0	98.0	93.3	fumonisin B2	92.3	86.6	80.9
stictic acid	46.2	96.6	99.3	sterigmatocystin	79.4	94.1	100.0
fusarenon x (fus-x) (ESI)	66.1	86.3	96.9	ergochlorine	74.4	87.2	94.6
deoxynivalenol (DON) (ESI)	56.0	84.0	106.7	ergochlorine	90.4	100.0	93.3
3-acetyl DON	30.0	96.7	89.3	ergochlorine	76.9	84.6	94.1
15-acetyl DON	48.9	77.0	90.0	ergochlorine	56.6	96.7	92.9
HT-2 toxin (HT-2)	53.3	68.5	88.2	ergochlorine	73.1	86.0	91.9
diacetoxyscirpenol (DAS)	98.4	81.5	74.3	ergochlorine	70.8	83.9	92.7
T-2 toxin (T-2)	54.8	96.7	93.6	ochratoxin A	192.3	90.9	97.7
				ochratoxin B	96.2	95.0	92.0

Average % recovery 31 toxins: 86.1 86.8 91.8
% std dev: 37.4 16.8 8.8

Conditions: 1 g corn spiked with 20-160 ng/g of each mycotoxin, extracted with 2 ml of 80% ACN in water with 0.025% TFA for 10 min, centrifuged and filtered (30K MWCO filter), then diluted with 1.5 ml of water and 10 ul injected onto the LC/MS/MS. Separation used porous 120 2.1x100 mm 2.7 um particles gradient 5-95% ACN in 3, 12 and 28 min, 0.3 ml/min, ESI pos ion detection used 0.025% TFA and ESI neg ion detection used 20 mM AM Ac.

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9.2 Instrumentation of HPLC

Major components (instrumentation) of a HPLC

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9.2.2 Pumping System

Reference ONLY!!

Pumping System

High-pressure gradient system	Low-pressure gradient system
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consists of more than one pump	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consists of one pump, the solvents are mixed first

High-pressure gradient system

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Low-pressure gradient system

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9.2 Instrumentation of HPLC

Major components (instrumentation) of a HPLC

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Mobile phase reservoirs

Pumping system

Injector

Column

Detector

Recorder

Sample

1. Manual injection - Sample loop

2. Auto-injector

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9.2.3 Injection System

Reference ONLY!!

Injection System

(1) Manual injection

• small volume injection (0.1 to 500 μL) through sample loop.

• sampling loop can control the sample size of every injection.

(2) Auto sampler

• Many modern HPLC systems are equipped with an auto-injectors now.

from syringe

to waste

to column

sample loop

from pump

injecting the sample

from syringe

to waste

to column

sample loop

from pump

<https://goo.gl/images/JJDwiv>

loading the sample loop

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9.2 Instrumentation of HPLC

Major components (instrumentation) of a HPLC

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9.2.4 HPLC columns

Different column has different solid support / stationary phase

The stationary phase are prepared by

- reaction of an organochlorosilane with –OH groups on the surface of silica particles in hot, dilute HCl.

Si-OH

+

R

Cl-Si-R'

R

→

Si-O-Si-R'

R


+

HCl

Solid Support

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9.2.4 HPLC columns

- The R is often **a straight-chain octyl or octyldecyl group**
 - called **C8 and C18** → **non-polar**
- Other functional groups (R'):
 - aliphatic amines, ethers, nitriles and aromatic hydrocarbons → **different polarities**
- Sometimes, column is put inside an **oven** to control the operation temperature

Si-OH

+

Cl-Si-R'

R


→

Si-O-Si-R'

R

+

HCl



Solid Support

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9.2.4 HPLC columns

Improve peak separation / column efficiency

★ **Column length and particle size of stationary phase**

If the **column length increase**,

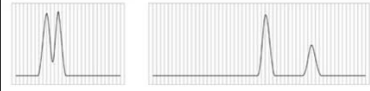
- e.g. 50mm → 100mm
- column efficiency will increase.**

If the **particle sizes decreases**,

- e.g. 5µm → 1.7µm
- column efficiency will increase.**

50mm

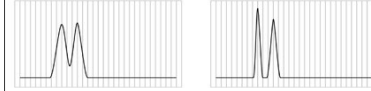
100mm



Column length and column efficiency
[Same Particle Size]

50mm
5 micron

50mm
1.7 micron



Particle size and column efficiency
[Same Column Length]

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9.2.4 HPLC columns

There's a **guard column** (保護柱子) in front of analytical column:

Property of the guard column:

- Compositions are same as the analytical column
 - same stationary phase
 - e.g. analytical column is C18, guard column also is C18

★ **Function of the guard column:**

- Remove particulate matters / contaminants
- Increase shelf-life of analytical column

Injector

Guard column

Column coupler

Analytical column

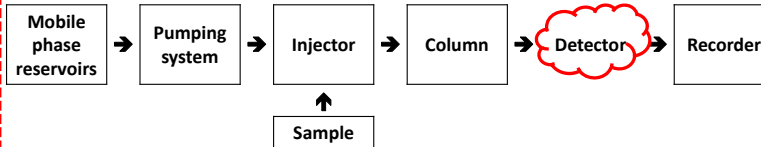
Detector

Guard column: ~ 10mm
Analytical column: ~ 150mm or 250mm

9.2 Instrumentation of HPLC

Major components (instrumentation) of a HPLC

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9.2.5 HPLC detectors

Example of HPLC detectors:

Universal detectors	Selective detectors
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Detectors which respond to all component	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Detectors which respond to a related group of components
For example:	For example:
1. Refractive index (折射率)	1. UV absorbance (紫外線吸收率)
2. Evaporative light scattering detector (ELSD)	2. Fluorescence (螢光)
3. Mass spectrometry (質譜)	

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9.2.5 HPLC detectors

1. **Refractive Index (RI) Detectors** 折射率檢測器

- Comparison** of the refractive index 折射率 of **solvent** (before column) and **eluent** (after column).
- Difference in refractive index** reflect the **concentration of analyte**.
- Characteristics**
 - **Universal** 通用 **detector**
 - **Not** affected by flow rate
 - Sensitive to temperature change
 - **Not** suitable for gradient elution

Diagram of RI detector
<https://goo.gl/images/y71ANj>

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9.2.5 HPLC detectors

2. **Evaporative Light Scattering Detector (ELSD)**

- Column eluent is passed into a **nebulizer** and **converted to fine droplets** by nitrogen flow.
- Fine droplets are then **evaporated** 蒸發 **to remove mobile phase**.
- Measurement is done on **light scattered** 散射
 - (based on refractive index) by analyte.

Diagram of ELSD
<https://goo.gl/images/bbB8V2>

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9.2.5 HPLC detectors

3. **UV Visible Detectors**

- Measurement of **UV absorption** based on **Beer's Law**.
- Suitable for samples with **conjugated double bonds** / **aromatic rings**.
- UV/Vis Detector**: monitors **ONE wavelength** at **one time**.
- DAD (Diode Array Detector)**: monitors **multiple wavelengths** at **one time**.



Conjugated double bonds

Diagram of DAD
<https://goo.gl/images/dcGoW7>

Spectra from DAD
<https://goo.gl/images/dcGoW7>

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9.2.5 HPLC detectors

4. **Fluorescence Detectors** 熒光

- **Fluorescence emission** 熒光發射 from analyte is detected at **90° to excitation source**.
- High **sensitivity** 靈敏度 and **selectivity** 選擇性 (fewer compounds fluoresce than UV/Vis).
- Needs to **select excitation** and **emission wavelengths**.

Fluorescence emission spectrum

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Diagram of fluorescence detector

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9.3 Columns Selection

Requires a **proper balance** 適當平衡 of **intermolecular forces** among the analyte, mobile and stationary phases.

General steps:

1. Determine the **polarity of analyte functional groups**.
2. To **retain the analyte**, match the **polarity** of stationary phase with that of analyte.
3. A **different polarity mobile phase** is then used for elution.

<https://goo.gl/images/AiCn1H>

C18
ACE C18
t_r = 11.0

C8
ACE C8
t_r = 7.5

C4
ACE C4
t_r = 5.2

Mobile Phase: 80% MeOH, 20% 20mM H₂PO₄ (pH 6.5)
Sample: 1. Norephedrine, 2. Norephedrine, 3. Toluene, 4. Norephedrine, 5. Norephedrine

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9.4 Applications of HPLC

Bioscience 生物科學

Reference ONLY!!

- Determination of 45 **amino acids** (protein building blocks) using HPLC.

Intensity cps

Time

His Thr Cit Sar bAla Glu 3MHis Ala HcIt 1MHis Asa GABA Lys

Asn Ser Hyp Gly Gln Asp EtN

Aad Ans Car bAlb Pro Arg Hyl Abu Orn Cth Cys Lys

Val Met Tyr Nva Hcy

Ile Leu Nie Phe Trp

Peer PEtN Tau

Amino acids

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9.4 Applications of HPLC

Consumer products 消費產品

Reference ONLY!!

- Determination of carcinogenic **azo dyes** 偶氮染料 in T-shirt by reverse phase HPLC.

Absorbance in mAU at 240 nm

Time in min

Azo compounds

R-N=N-R'

Acetonitrile; 5 mmol ammonium acetate in 1 000 ml water, pH = 3.0;
Zorbax Eclipse XDB C18® (3.5 µm); (2.1 × 50) mm;
Flow rate: 300 µl/min;
Gradient: start 10 % eluent 1, increase to 20 % eluent 1 within 1.5 min, linear increase to 90 % eluent 1 within 6 min;
Column temperature: 40 °C;
Injection volume: 2.0 µl;

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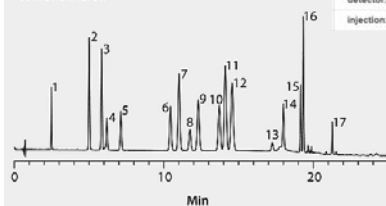
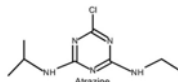
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Reference ONLY!!

- Determination of **Atrazine Herbicides** (除草劑) in field crops by reverse phase HPLC.

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Desethylatrazine | 10. Diuron |
| 2. Metoxuron | 11. Isoproturon |
| 3. Hexazinone | 12. Metobromuron |
| 4. Simazine | 13. Metazachlor |
| 5. Cyanazine | 14. Sebutylazine |
| 6. Methabenzthiazuron | 15. Terbutylazine |
| 7. Chlorotoluron | 16. Linuron |
| 8. Atrazine | 17. Metolachlor |
| 9. Monolinuron | |

column: Ascentis Express C18, 10 cm x 3.0 mm I.D., 2.7 μ m particles (5314-U)
mobile phase: [A] 20 mM ammonium acetate, pH 6.4
unadjusted; [B] acetonitrile
gradient: 20 to 28% B in 11 min; 28 to 65% B in 5 min; held at 65% B for 4 min
flow rate: 0.6 mL/min
column temp.: 46 °C
detector: UV, 240 nm
injection: 5 μ L



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